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SUBJECT: EC REGIONAL FUND: DANISH VIEW

1. FONOFF (RIBERHOLDT) TOLD US JANUARY 8 THAT NEW
DANISH FONMINISTER GULDBERG WILL GO TO NEXT WEEK'S COUNCIL
MEETING WITH SAME MANDATE ON REGIONAL FUND AS CARRIED BY
PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT'S REP AT LAST DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING.
MANDATE, IN EFFECT, WOULD BE FOR FUND SOMEWHAT SMALLER
THAN COMMISSION PROPOSAL BUT LARGER THAN GERMAN, WITH
RELATIVELY STRICT CRITERIA BUT NOT SO STRICT AS TO EXCLUDE
ELIGIBILITY OF GREENLAND. LATTER IS IMPORTANT DANISH
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DOMESTIC REQUIREMENT TO FEND OFF RISING GREENLAND AGITATION

FOR GREATER SELF-RULE AND GREENLANDERS GENERAL DISCONTENT
WITH EC MEMBERSHIP.

2. FONOFF OFFICIAL, WHILE NOTING THAT DENMARK IS ON
PERIPHERY OF CURRENT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE COMPROMISE
BETWEEN BRITISH AND GERMAN POSITIONS ON FUND, SAID THAT
HIS INFORMATION INDICATES THAT IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN
THAT COMPROMISE SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES CAN BE
REACHED IN TIME FOR JANUARY 14-15 COUNCIL MEETING. HE
THOUGHT IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHETHER HEATH WANTS TO CALL FOR
NEW ELECTIONS; IF SO, HE WOULD NOT WANT TO RISK BEING
ACCUSED OF A BAD DEAL ON THE REGIONAL FUND.

3. GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES, FONOFF OFFICIALS HAD URGED
FONIMISTER TO OBTAIN MORE FLEXIBLE MANDATE ON FUND FOR
NEXT WEEK'S COUNCIL MEETING. THIS HE REFUSED. (NOTE: ALL
DANISH EC COUNCIL POSITIONS MUST BE CLEARED IN ADVANCE WITH
PARLIAMENTARY MARKET AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.) AS CONTINGENCY,
PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR EMERGENCY MEETING
OF MARKET AFFAIRS COMMITTEE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT OR TUESDAY
MORNING SHOULD COUNCIL DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT.
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